## APPARATUS AND METHOD FOR MAINTAINING HYDRATION AND INTEGRITY OF WATER-BASED SUBSTANCES DURING USE, STORAGE, AND TRANSPORT

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## ABSTRACT OF THE DISCLOSURE

A hydrating paint box and palette system for using, storing, and transporting paints or other water-based substances is disclosed. The paint box (10) contains a plurality of wells (30), each with a cover (28) that limits exposure to air and reduces evaporation, preventing the contents of the wells (30) from drying out. The wells (30) contain a sponge (34) that when moistened with water provides a hydrating mechanism creating a moist environment for storing water-based substances such as acrylic paints. The substances can be used directly from the well (30) and can be transported conveniently without contaminating each other.